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1. There is a Soviet heavy armored regiment in the armored barracks on
Törteli Street, with a total strength of about 1,400 men. The soldiers belong to
the young and active classes; they wear black and red shoulder boards with tank
insignia. The regiment consists of two battalions, with 70 to 72 J.S.III tanks.

The regimental auto park includes: 4 radio cars, 4 tank cars, 8 to 10 armored
tank-recovery vehicles, 25 to 30 motorcycles, 10 to 14 jeeps, 32 to 35 trucks,
mostly ZIS's and Ford.

2. During the spring of 1953 the regiment staged many night alarms. On
such occasions heavy equipment was almost always marched out.

3. In recent weeks there has been great traffic activity, and some Soviets
told Hungarian acquaintances that a new unit was expected.

4. There is a Soviet armored regiment in the old cavalry barracks, about
1,500 to 1,550 men strong. It consists mostly of quite new and young recruits. It
has two battalions, with 8 to 10 German Tiger tanks and 44 to 46 T-3485s. The
auto park contains 4 Pobeda personnel cars; 5 to 6 jeeps, 22 to 25 motorcycles
without sidecars. There are 18 to 22 trucks, including old Chevrolets and Dodges,
2 ambulances, 4 tank cars, 4 radio cars on Ford chassis, 3 shop cars, 4 to 5 Stalinec
armored cars.

5. The regiment marches out almost daily for exercises on foot in units of
company strength. These are usually followed by 7 to 9 tanks. In April 1953 the
regiment conducted a four-day exercise, and later undertook a loading exercise at
night at the freight station, working under a complete blackout. In recent weeks
the regiment has conducted exercises near Cegléd, using rockets and smoke projectors.
At other times street fighting exercises are conducted in the city at night.

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